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Former Smethport Boy Died at Philadelphia

Paul McAlee, a popular young man of this place, died last Friday evening in Mercy hospital, Philadelphia after a few days' illness of flu and pneumonia. Early in the war Paul enlisted in the government service as a machinist in the ship building yard at Hog Island, and after the war he continued the work. He was here to spend Christmas, returning to Hog Island about the first of January.

Deceased was a son of Joseph McAlee, Sr., of the West End, and had made his home in Johnsonburg since earliest boyhood. He was 32 years of age. Of joyful disposition, he had friends by the score. He was a prominent member of Johnsonburg Lodge, No. 149, Loyal Order of Moose, and that order had charge of the funeral.

Remains were brought here Tuesday morning from Philadelphia, and funeral and interment took place Wednesday morning.

Pall bearers were Thos. Clerkin, Freemont Bitters, Edw. Haser, John Grumley, Clare Bush and Frank Barker, all representing the L. O. O. M.

In addition to his aged father, he is survived by the following brothers: Frank of Rumford Falls, Maine; E. C. McAlee, Joseph, Jr., Michael, James and Emmet, also one sister, Miss Anna, all living in Johnsonburg.—Johnsonburg Press.

Paul McAlee was born in Smethport and lived here with the family until they moved to Johnsonburg a number of years ago. He was well known here because of frequent visits to numerous relatives in Smethport and vicinity and was well liked by all who knew him. The MINER extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

CONOPUS CLUB

Regular weekly meeting of Conopus Club held at Imperial Hotel, 12 o'clock Monday, February 16.

Roll call by Secretary. Thirty-five members found present.

F. H. Hungiville won attendance prize, two-dollar bill, given by R. E. Burdick.

T. H. Morrison, chairman of the committee of railroad crossings, asked for extension of time of the life of the committee.

Moved by Guy B. Mayo, seconded by J. C. Backus, that the life of the committee be extended two weeks. Carried.

Moved by William Monheimer, seconded by S. F. Redfield, that our meeting be 12:15 instead of 12 o'clock.

Moved by Mellville Gillett, seconded by E. G. Potter, that the motion be laid on the table for one week. Carried.

Hon. R. W. Hilton stated that T. H. Purtle would be unable to entertain the Conopus Club Monday, February 23, due to large number of guests owing to court being held that week.

Moved by F. H. Hungiville, seconded by S. F. Redfield, that the place of holding the next meeting be left to the secretary. Carried.

S. L. Fry, chairman of committee on the Kerr & Green toy factory, reported that at the present time these gentlemen would have the parts of their toy made at different plants and have no desire to erect a plant at the present time. Mr. Fry asked that committee be discharged.

Moved R. E. Burdick, seconded by F. H. Hungiville, that the committee on Kerr & Green Toy Factory be discharged. Carried.

KILLED A COLORED MAN.

Because he would not submit to arrest, William Williams, a colored man, aged 61, was shot and killed on the highway leading from Emporium to Norwich on Wednesday of last week.

Williams lived in Emporium with a colored woman known as Anna Jones. On the day he met his death he threatened to kill her and she ran from the house in terror. Williams then stole $70 belonging to the woman and started along the road in the direction of Norwich. Anna Jones notified officers of the law of what had occurred and Sheriff J. B. Tilbury, Deputy Elmer Bailey and Chief of Police James Wright of Emporium went in pursuit.

Williams drew a revolver when approached by the car containing the officers and opened fire on them shooting five or six times. To save the lives of himself and companions Chief Wright fired at the man, the bullet striking him near the left shoulder blade, severed an artery and Williams died before he could be taken back to Emporium. The woman's story was bourne out to some extent by the finding of roll of money containing $70 on the person of the dead man.

The MINER at $2.00 per year keeps you informed of all home and county news.

SUWANEE RIVER QUARTETTE

February 28th.

There are but few people, whatever may be their walk in life, who do not enjoy a good, colored quartette. The negroes' love of harmony and rhythm is in-born; they like to rollc and romp over weird minors with a dash of jazz to make them peppy. Whatever may be said of negroes as workers, their songs certainly carry action and punch.

The Suwanee River Quartette to appear here are the most famous colored quartette in the world. They have been together ten years, building with each successive season a reputation of being the best colored aggregation before the public.

Their program offers two solid hours of fun and real entertainment—quartettes, solos, readings, impersonations, etc. See John Gantt, whose wonderful basso voice is known from coast to coast, do old Black Joe.

Suwanee River Harp plano—the only one of its kind in the world. Get your season ticket. Price $1. Single admission 50 cents. There are three numbers on the course yet to appear.

BUFFALO AUTOMOBILE SHOW

Beautiful, beyond that of any automobile show ever held, will be the decoration scheme, which has been worked out with the view of giving Buffalo's eighteenth annual motor car exhibition environment in keeping with its magnitude.

The show, which is to be held at the 74th Regiment Armory in that city, February 28th to March 6th, inclusive, will be under the direction of the Buffalo Automobile Dealers' Association, which has sponsored successfully every yearly auto show ever held in that city.

The promoters of this year's exposition went to the Sunny South for the motif of its decoration. A visit to the show will make it seem as if one had been suddenly transported from the cold and dreariness of the north into the warmth and luxuriant beauty of Dixieland.

The ceiling of the armory is to be canopied in Louisiana smilax. Its walls are to be hidden by palms and vines, 'mid which will nestle thousands of bright-hued flowers. The armory will be illuminated so as to accentuate the splendor of the show's embellishment and to emphasize the beauty of the fine cars on exhibition.

The display of automobiles is to include the cream of this season's output of America's foremost makers. There will be also the largest showing of trucks ever assembled outside of New York and Chicago and a big display of auto accessories.

NOTICE.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 18, 1920.

Owing to a recent decision of the United States Attorney and the Internal Revenue Collector for this District, it will be necessary for all Satisfactions of Mortgages entered in the Recorder's Office for record to have a 25 cent Internal Revenue Stamp attached and cancelled.

A. R. ANDERSON,
Recorder.

CALL FORTH WILLIAM C. SPROUL

It begins to be apparent to the citizen who observes affairs political with a thoughtful mind that the 'field' of aspirants to the Republican presidential nomination is not satisfactory. Confessedly, many of the 'entries' are names that augur nothing for Republican victory and offer nothing of satisfaction to the discriminating voter; the names that represent really admirable and able men are clouded with the practical certainty that those gentlemen, for obvious reasons, can not be nominated.

As the matter now stands, with the days rapidly slipping on into weeks and months, the Republican national convention promises to present a situation almost as unedifying as that exhibited at the famous Democratic dog-fight in Baltimore, with as little probability of outcome that will be for the welfare of the Republic.

All this must be viewed in the presence of the fact that upon the Republican party is today a duty second to none of the great duties which it has performed in its long and honorable history—the duty of restoring to the American people a government of sane common sense and business-like efficiency; of replacing the present chaos in federal affairs by the order of wise legislation and intelligent administration.

Looking to the performance of that duty, it is full time for the naming of a leadership which shall inspire confidence and the lifting of a standard to which the intelligence and sound judgment and loyal patriotism of the nation may rally.

Pennsylvania has that name; the Keystone State knows that standard.

In the governor's chair at Harrisburg sits a man trained in statecraft fitted by personal endowment and the acquirements of experience for any civic duty to which the service of the people may call him. He has 'shied' no hat in the ring; he is not waiting like a cooky-hungry urchin at the edge of the kneelling board. His whole of thought and energy is devoted to the duties he owes to the great Commonwealth whose son and honored servant he is. He will seek nothing for himself and will thrust himself forward for no invitiations to place or emolument.

But it is not for the Republicans of Pennsylvania longer to allow him to be mentioned only as a casual possibility. Proper appreciation of party welfare and the call of the high duty due to the nation in an hour of great necessities command that the Republicans of Pennsylvania arise as one man and say: 'We present William C. Sproul!'

Of William C. Sproul Pennsylvania and, to a considerable degree, the observing and thinking people of our sister states need to be told little. He is widely known as a successful man in large business affair; a man who understands the needs of the world of men and things. He has learned the practical lessons of government, of common sense applied to the management of the business of a great commonwealth. For more than 20 years he has been a commanding figure in the transaction of the state's business and his course has been such as to be awarded the approval of the people in no mistakable fashion.

He is not theorist, no dreamer of the impossible, no follower of the vague and the intangible, but a straightforward doer of the practical deeds of public welfare; no maker of glowing promises, but a dependable accomplisher of results.

Learned in the school of give-and-take, able to control factions and harmonize conflicts, he leads no faction, he belongs to nobody, takes orders from nobody, serves no interests save those of the people, obeys nothing but his own conception of the welfare of the state that has made him its chief executive.

He is an American, without a taint of alien thought.

William C. Sproul can take to the presidential chair a high grade of brain power, a mighty personality, a dependable honesty, a practical knowledge of public affairs, not in the slightest inferior to those qualities as devoted to the public service by our greatest Presidents.

In the prime of a splendid manhood, with a record from which nothing needs to be expunged, with such qualities for successful leadership as no other man in sight possesses, with such certificates of ability have been given to few men in our public life today, William C. Sproul should be called forth to the national service of the Republican party and the American people—Franklin News-Herald.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

Mrs. Lena Main was found dead in bed Friday morning by her mother, Mrs. Anna Main, who went to call her about 7 o'clock. Death was pronounced due to acute indigestion by the coroner, Dr. E. B. Burdick.

Mrs. Main, who was 18 years from Port Allegany, came here with her mother five months ago. They made their home with the former's aunt, Mrs. Dora Knapp.

Beside her mother, she is survived by one daughter, four brothers and two sisters, Benjamin, Floyd, Kirt and Harry Main, Mrs. Katherine Rodgers and Mrs. Lila Halsey, all of Port Allegany.—Olean Herald.

DEATH OF MRS. C. F. BOLLER

The sad news reaches the MINER of the death of Mrs. Chas. F. Boller, wife of the editor of the Port Allegany Reporter-Argus, who passed away Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock. She was a most estimable woman and her death, which was caused from grip, is most sincerely deplored. Before marriage she was Miss Margaret Robinson. Editor Boller is in a critical condition suffering from the same ailment that caused the death of his wife. The MINER extends sympathy to Mr. Boller and hopes he will soon recover.

Large Building at Port Allegany Glass Plant Collapsed Monday

Part of the roof of the Mississippi glass plant at Port Allegany collapsed under the great weight of snow and ice Monday and although no one was injured, considerable damage was the result.

The plant was in operation, but the roof fell over a tank that was not in use and thus no fire occurred or were workmen hurt.

Work on repairing the damage is already underway and it will be quite an extensive undertaking.

The building damaged is 200x60 feet in size and it is estimated that damage amounting to $5,000 resulted from the collapse.

Captain Rose Oviatt of the Salvation Army is Dead

Captain Rose Oviatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Oviatt, was born in Smethport, Pa., February 17, 1892. She was promoted to glory from Lebanon, Pa., February 12, 1920. She leaves to mourn her loss, hereafter, two sisters, Mrs. Guy Dickerson and Mrs. Grace Meredith, also two brothers. The greater part of her life was spent in Smethport and vicinity. For the last six years she has served her Lord under the banner of the Salvation Army.

Prior to leaving for the training school in New York city she was a soldier of the Bradford Corps. On completing her training she was sent to assist Adjutant Margaret Bays at Pottstown, Pa. From there she went to Reading, Pa., where she served for three years. Her next and last appointment was to Lebanon, Pa. From there she left the Church Militant to Join the Church Triumphant.

Funeral from M. E. Church Monday, February 16, 11 a.m., Rev. A. Gregson officiating. Burial in Rose Hill cemetery.

CONTRIBUTED.

Near-Flu Still Holds Smethport in Grasp

Smethport is still in the grasp of the near-flu epidemic and it is a rarity to find a person who has not been touched by the malady to some extent. It is safe to say that never before were so many persons in this town and vicinity incapacitated at the same period as during the past two weeks. Every business and activities of all kinds have felt the effects of the epidemic.

School opened Monday, but in view of the fact that less than 50 per cent of the pupils were in attendance, was closed again after Monday's session for the remainder of the week. Reports from all around the county show that the epidemic is still raging, but despite the great number ill but few cases are resulting fatally.

In Smethport many who were ill are able to be around again and it is hoped the epidemic is abating.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Northwestern District of the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women will hold its annual conference in Ridgway, Thursday and Friday, February 26th and 27th.

Mrs. Joseph H. Bovaird of Bradford, vice president of the Northwestern District will preside over the meetings.

The general topic of the conference will be Education. Subjects to be considered are as follows: Public Schools and Child Welfare, Thrift and Home Economics, Civics and Citizenship, and other subjects of general interest.

Thursday afternoon two conferences will be held, Civics and Child Welfare.

Thursday evening, a reception and dinner at the Hyde House, following which there will be a reading of the play "Anytowne," by its author, Miss Ruth S. Miller of Meadville.

Fridays's program, forenoon and afternoon, will present prominent speakers on live subjects pertaining to community life and interest.

As usual a number of special guests are expected to be present. A conference luncheon has been arranged for Friday.

It is hoped that every woman who can possibly take advantake of the privilege will be present. A large attendance is expected.

WRECK ON SHAWMUT

St. Mary's, Pa., Feb. 12.—Two men were injured and 20 cars derailed when a northbound Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern freight train struck an open rail at Irate, Pa., three miles outh of Clermont yesterday afternoon. Michael McLaughlin of St. Mary's, a brakeman, was bruised beneath the coal and was injured about the legs. A. B. Habergerder of St. Mary's was slightly hurt.

The train was in charge of Engineer G. B. Starner and Conductor A. J. Boland, both of St. Mary's. The freight was going at a speed of about 18 miles an hour when it hit the rail. The derailed cars were badly piled up.

MUCHLY MARRIED MAN

Edwin Shelby, 20, of Degolia, Pa., was held for the grand jury on a charge of bigamy, late Friday last in Olean. He waived examination. Shelby, according to charges, was married twice within six months last year. He confessed the wholesale venture into matrimony. He told Olean police that he married Iva Soble, 18 of Bradford, Pa. in Limestone in March, 1919, and Nellie Burst, 20 of Olean, in Allegany in September. Both ceremonies took place in this county. Shelby told the police that he lived with his first wife for some weeks and then came to Olean to work. In this city he said he met Miss Burst. He knew Miss Soble four years before they were married, he said, but there was only one week of courtship in Olean before he and Miss Burst went on a trolley ride to Allegany.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

What does the New Testament really teach about Christ's Church; its relation to the Kingdom; its authority and power? This subject will be the theme of the sermon next Sabbath morning. Bible school at 11:45 a.m. Junior Epworth League at 3 p.m. Junior Epworth League at 3 You are always welcome at 'the Church with a Spire.'

WERE HAPPILY MARRIED

News has reached this office of the marriage of Miss Edith Schoonmaker, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Schoonmaker of East Smethport, and Ralph Mayo, son of F. B. Mayo of East Water street, Smethport. The happy event occurred at Niagara Falls last Thursday where the groom is employed. The bride is a charming young lady, a High School student, who has been employed at various times in this office. The groom served his country overseas during the late war and is a young man well liked by many friends. The MINER extends congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Mayo, and hopes that their married life may be happy and prosperous.

JANUARY SALES IN W. S. S.

The first month of 1920 in sales of War Savings Stamps was a good one in McKean county. With the reports from Edred, Aiken, Cyclone, Backus, Westline and Wrights missing, the January sales were as folowls:

No. of War Savings Stamps sold, 2,567
No. of Thrift Stamps sold 10,580
No. of $100.00 Certificates sold 105

The three post offices with the largest sales of W. S. S. are: Crosby, 523; Hazelhurst, 445; Bradford, 406.

In the sales of Thrift Stamps Bradford leads with 4,471 stamps sold. Port Allegany sold 1,268 and 551 Thrift Stamps were sold in Kane.

Smethport sold 37, $100.00 Certificates, Kane 20 and Port Allegany 20.

January was a big month in the schools. The students of the county invested $4,158.67 in stamps last month. McKean county has 24 schools in which every pupil is buying stamps. Many schools have excellent records. The students of Crosby bought $1,370.46 worth of stamps during January.

STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES

The National Association of Supervisors of State Banks has just issued a statement of the banking resources of all state banks and trust companies based on the call of June 30, 1919, or the call nearest thereto. Both in number and resources, startling results are shown. In the forty-eight states there are 21,023 of these institutions, with total resources of $25,965,675,836.30. As of the same date, the call of the comptroller of the currency shows 7,705 national banks, with total resources of $20,799,550,000. The full banking resources of the nation at that time, therefore, amounted to the vast sum of $46,765,225,836.30. By comparison, the wealth of Solomon, the gold of Midas or the riches of Croesus would make merely pocket change for your Uncle Samuel.

Only within the last two years have official statistics been available for the computation of the resources of the state banking systems. For his reason the public has not realized the full power of the second defense line of our financial system. It will doubtless be a revelation to most people that the resources of the state institutions exceed those of the national banks by $5,166,125,836. For the year ended June 30, 1919, the growth of the state institutions in the United States amounted to $3,690,571,692.41, and that of the nationals to $2,550,550,000.

It will be kept in mind that the above figures do not include trust funds, corporate trusts, building and loan associations or private banks. The inclusion of these items and classes of institutions under state banking control would increase the figures for Pennsylvania alone by more than $2,000,000,000 of actual assets.

CROSBY

P. S. Curran of Smethport was a business caller in town Wednesday.

Miss Zola Means of Smethport is nursing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rasmann.

The condition of Bert Shelters, who is seriously ill with the flu at his home here does not seem to be much better.

Mrs. Frank Bloomster is also on the sick list.

Albert Cleveland was an Olean visitor Friday.

Miss Ada Searfoss visited at her home in Clermont Monday.

Miss Hazel Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Wilcox of Crosby is ill with the flu at Burning Well, where she teaches school.

Edmund Whitelaw was a Smethport visitor Friday last.

Mr. John Troy of Olean was a business visitor in Crosby Wednesday.

"The Fascinating Fanny Brown" is the title of the home talent play which is to be given under the auspices of he D. of P. in the very near future. The exact date is not known at present, but it is expected that it will be given some time next week. The people of Crosby and vicinity should not miss the opportunity to see their fellow townsmen and ladies staring in this production. It is sure to be worth more than the price of admission to see Fanny Brown alone to say nothing of the other important characters.

Miss Margaret Muir spent the week end with her parents in Olean.

Miss Margaret Cleveland of Warren is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cleveland.

W. C. Cleveland, who had an attack of the flu is able to be out again.

Misses Katherine McDowell, Ada Searfoss and Hattie Smith attended the Botula-Smethport game in Smethport Tuesday night.

S. H. S. played Crosby Cubs Friday night and were defeated with a score of 57 to 33.

Ernest Greeley is confined to his home with illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bloomster were in Jamestown last week, having been called there on account of the death of Mrs. Bloomster's nephew.

Miss Hattie Smith is confined to her home with illness.

John R. Greeley, Jr., of the U. S. N., who has been stationed at San Diego, Cal, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Greeley.

John Dillon is reported ill at this writing.

Dr. Crocker of Olean was the speaker at the church Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mabel Muir and Hiram Muir of Olean visited friends in Crosby last week.

Mrs. K. Freeman was an Olean visitor Friday night.

Mike Ryan was a Port Allegany visitor Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

There are several cases of flu in our little town.

John Greeley surprised his people last Thursday by coming home for a ten-day furlough. We are all glad to see John and will miss him when he goes back.

Messrs. George and Herbert Day of Emporium spent Friday andSaturday inCrosby.

Miss Marion Rosier of Olean was a guest of friends and relatives in Crosby part of last week.

The Misses Mabel and Myrtle and Master Hiram Muir of Olean spent the week end with their sister, Miss Margaret Muir.

Mr. Merle Wilcox was a Smethport visitor last Friday night.

Mr. Charles Bloomster of Olean spent the week end with his family.

Our meetings have closed and all regret to see Dr. Crocker and Rev. Burton leave. We all hope they can be with us again.

Crosby and Smethport played basket ball Friday night, score 51 to 31 in favor of Crosby.

Marion Bosier and Pauline Manwaring spent Sunday with Miss Florence Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith and daughter Peggy Dene, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Greeley.

NOTICE

Commencing at once, street lights on Main street, Water street, and King street, between Marvin street and Nelson street, also on Mechanic street and Bank street to Nelson street, will be turned off each morning by the policeman.

All street lights not included in the above must be lighted each day at dusk and turned off at daylight by the property owners. All lamps not so lighted and turned off will be disconnected. By order of the Borough Council.

F. H. BIEVER,
Secretary.

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CHUMS OF BOYHOOD RALLY TO LOWDEN

Sunrise, Minn., Birthplace of Illinois Governor, Backs Him for President.

THE LOWDEN SWIMMING HOLE

Early Friends of Governor See Village Famous as Cradle of President —"Born in Sunrise and Been Awake Ever Since."

Sunrise, Minn., a sleepy little village with a population of 200, has found a place in the political sun. Politics has put the village on the map and it expects to stay there. For Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, one of the leading candidates for the Republican presidential nomination, was born in Sunrise fifty-nine years ago. His boyhood chums and neighbors are conscious of the fame thrust upon them. Perhaps the most enthusiastic Lowden-for-president club in the country is the one that meets in Sunrise, now in the village hall, now in Andrew Lind's general store.

It is many years since the Lowdens made their home in Sunrise—more than half a century, in fact—but the village has never forgotten the family, least of all "little Frank." The old shed where Lorenzo Lowden, the governor's father, had his blacksmith shop, still stands. It is the property of the Lowden children, used only for storage purposes—and for the ghost games which, the folk say, were started by Frank Lowden. The Lowden home still stands, too. It is an old-fashioned dwelling that occupies a rise of ground two miles from the village. There is a third building in Sunrise that figured in the governor's boyhood. That is the schoolhouse. Lorenzo Lowden helped to build it, so his boy could have a schooling. The one-room structure is but a stone's throw from the blacksmith shop. It is no longer a school, having been succeeded by a more modern building, but is now the village hall. A picture of the Illinois governor hangs on the wall, and under its roof the Lowden club holds meetings.

The Sunrise folk are full of stories about Frank Lowden.

"He was a studious child," said Henry Voss, one of the governor's schoolmates. "After he had learned to read he used to walk back and forth between the school and home, a distance of two miles, carrying a book before his face. The boys would speak to him, and he wouldn't answer. If we annoyed him when he was interested he would stop and trounce us. Or," Voss added, with a twinkle, "at least he'd try to."

In a bend of the river near town is the swimming hole where Frank's career was almost cut short. The boy was passionately fond of the water and in the spring could scarcely wait for the ice to go out.

"See right over there in the center?" asked Voss. "That's where Frank nearly drowned. Trying to do what the older and stronger boys did he got up on the springboard and plunged off in ten feet of water. Theo. Voss saw his head bob up, go down, come up a second time and again disappear. Theo dived in, a few feet down the current, caught him by the hair and dragged him ashore. We poured the water out of him and in a few minutes he was as right as ever."

"Lowden's swimming hole" is still popular with the boys of the neighborhood.

Many of the governor's old friends are now at North Branch, ten miles from Sunrise. Among them is S. W. Runyan, who had something to do with Frank's education.

"I taught Frank to hunt squirrels," said Runyan. "We covered many a mile of this country with our gun and dogs."

The Lowdens left Sunrise in the late sixties. The last picture of Frank's boyhood that remains with the old residents is that of a sturdy little chap, dressed for travel, marching off down the road behind the "prairie schooner" that bore all the Lowden effects to their new home in Iowa. There was nothing forlorn about the picture. The boy was cheerful, wideawake and on the lookout for something to do. Alertness was characteristic of him.

Said Henry Voss, the village philosopher, speaking of his old friend:

"Frank was born here in Sunrise, and it kind of appears that he has been awake ever since."

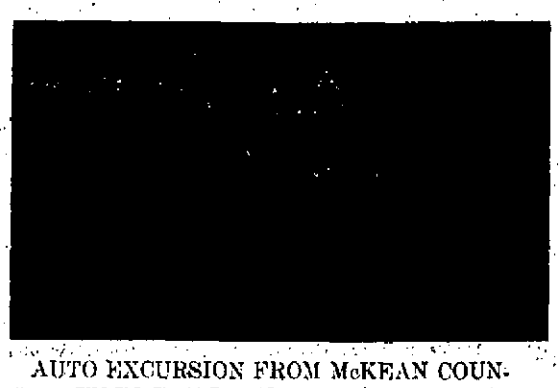
FARMERS TO PUSH LOWDEN

Harvey J. Sconce Quits Agricultural Post to Work for Governor.

Harvey J. Sconce, a former baseball star of the University of Illinois, has resigned as president of the Illinois Agricultural association to devote his entire time to organization work among the farmers of the middle West in the interest of Gov. Frank O. Lowden's candidacy for president. He will make a tour of North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and other states, talking to the farmers.

From Farm Bureau Report

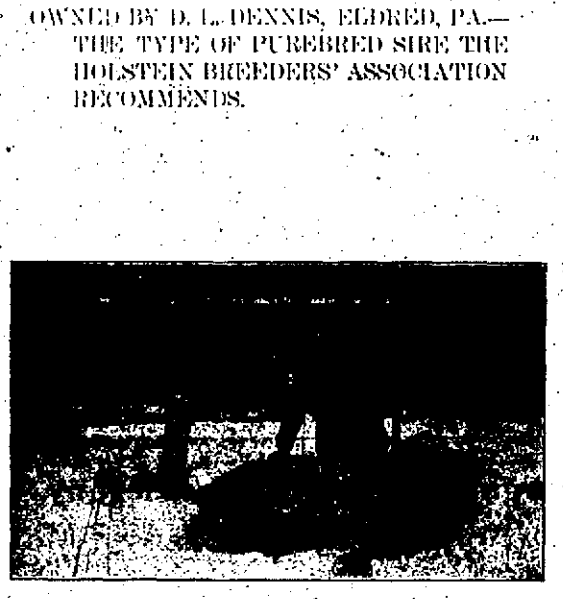
Following are some interesting illustrations taken from the annual report of the McKean County Farm Bureau, which will soon be distributed.



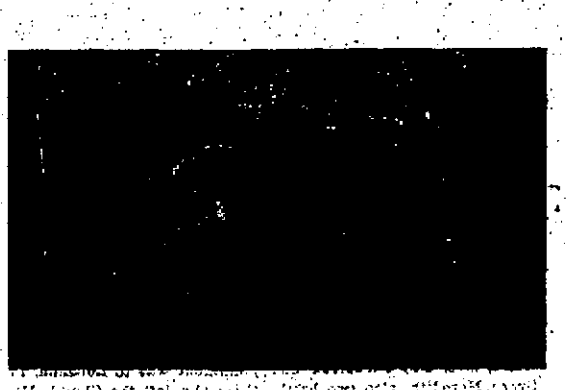
AUTO EXCURSION FROM McKEAN COUNTY TO THE PENNA. STATE COLLEGE, JUNE, 1919.

"IDEAL SHEEP LAND"—Sheep marked (.) are lambs of the first cross (Merino & Mutton rams). Sheep marked (x) are yearlings of the same cross.

OWNED BY D. L. DENNIS, ELDRED, PA.—THE TYPE OF PUREBRED SIRE THE HOLSTEIN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS.



BENNIE ANDERSON OF KANE, PA., AND HIS PRIZE WINNING PIG—WEIGHT 252 1-2 LBS.



PRIZE WINNING PIG RAISED BY ELMER CRAWFORD OF SMETHPORT—Weight 298 1-2 lbs.

VALLEY JINGLES

Nearly everyone has the flu. Those who haven't are going to, but cheer up it might be worse, so just sneeze and cough and do the best you can.

Miva Parker who has been sick with flu, was out horseback riding one day last week.

Mrs. H. D. Otto went to Portville and Ceres on a business mission last week.

Through some misunderstanding upon the part of the census takers of Smethport borough and Keating township, one of our young ladies did not get enumerated—never mind girlie—someone will get you yet.

There are three candidates for initiation in Valley Grange, shortage of gas, snowdrifts and flu has delayed doings for the past few weeks.

M. S. Parker has been cutting fence posts out of some locust trees which stood in his front yard, a large limb in falling broke some telephone wires. The trouble was remedied by a Bell lineman.

Davis and Pelton has closed out their grocery business. This ought to be a good stand for some one to go into anything in that line. What's the matter with an ice cream parlor, confectionary, tobacco, etc. State road work this summer ought to bring custom. Some one get busy and start something.

Lorena Smith is home having closed her school on account of illness.

One of Louise Martin's cows gave birth to twin calves one day last week.

August Tanner and H. D. Otto made a trip to Rew one day last week, also upset when turning out upon meeting a team, leaving their photos in the snow, time exposure.

Talk about your ice clad hilltops and beautiful mountains of snow, but I'll be darned if I see anything picturesque about them.

O. D. Cory came over from Kane to see his family who are having the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Simar of Olean visited the latter's parents over Sunday returning to Olean the first of this week.

Mrs. William Burdick was buried last week. She has been sick for sometime. The family have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

The Moore school has been closed the past week on account of flu.

There's a rumor going round, and its fast gaining ground,
That East Smethport is soon going to boom.
Movie pictures, poolroom and all, ice cream parlor and hall,
Festivities will soon displace gloom.
When E. Smethport annexes the boro

The girls will all wear diamond stars in their hair,
And the boys part their hair in the middle.
Then to the movies they'll go, and if that is too slow.
They will shimme to the sounds of the fiddle.
When E. Smethport annexes the boro.

For ice cream they will stop, when they tire of the hop.
For all things will be done very thoro.
Instead of going to school, they can learn to play pool,
When E. Smethport annexes the boro.
(Just watch their smoke.)

Then the people up town will have to move down,
Business places will have a sign out—For Sale.
No use to deny for you soon will see why,
And move both courthouse and jail.
When E. Smethport annexes the boro.

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F. & A. M.

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EARL R. GALLUP, W. M.
W. F. SPECHT, Secretary.

I. O. O. F.

Smethport Lodge, No. 389, meets Friday evenings at 8 o'clock in I. O. O. F. Hall. Will work initiatory degree first meeting of each month; 1st degree on second; 2nd degree on third, and 3rd degree on fourth meetings.

CHARLES LEMMLER, N. G.
R. C. GLEASON, Secretary.

I. O. O. F.

Smethport Encampment, No. 273, meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall.

J. A. JOHNSTON, C. P.
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Ideal Rebekah Lodge, No. 63

Meets the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month, at 8 o'clock, in the I. O. O. F. Hall.

PEARL WHALEN, N. G.
KATHERINE LEMMLER, Sec'y

P. H. C.

Smethport Branch, No. 25, meets on every Tuesday evening in I. O. O. F. Hall.

PEARL WHALEN, President.
ANNA O. STARK, Secretary.

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Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings in each month in I. O. O. F. Hall.

ANNA O. STARK, Secretary.
FRANK GALLUP, M.

Phoenix Chapter, No. 15, O. E. S.

Meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 8 p.m., in I. O. O. F. Hall.

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PORT ALLEGANY

A stranger claiming that he was a bolshevist was picked up on the street here yesterday noon by Chief of Police Reeves. The man arrived in town last Thursday and has been boarding at the Diamond Restaurant and seemed at that time of a melancholy disposition. Yesterday it was reported to Officer Reeves that the man was acting strangely and when questioned by the officer stated that he was looking for a bolshevki uniform and a gun. The man at the time of his arrest was carrying a rudely constructed sword about two feet long and evidently had been pounded out of a steel bar and also carried a large dagger which was found on his person at the lockup. The man is a Slav and apparently about 35 years of age. He was taken before Justice Teater in the afternoon but little could be learned from him except that he was a bolshevist and stated that he had a grievance against a foreigner on Skinner Creey whom he wanted to fight. The man will be taken to Smethport and held for the March term of court. It is thought by some that the man is insane but at the present eruption of the Communists, it is well to be a little safe. Therefore the holding of the man for the March term of court.

Mrs. Charles Thomas died at her home on the Brooklynside last Friday, February 6, the cause of her death, being acute bronchitis. Mrs. Thomas was sixty-four years of age and was born in Allegheny county, N. Y. She was the daughter of William and Adeline Sherwood. In early womanhood she was united in marriage to Charles Thomas and for many years has been a resident of this section, where she made many acquaintances, who held her in high esteem and was known as a woman of bright and sunny character. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Adeline Sherwood, her husband and two children, Mrs. Orin Minard and Steve Thomas of this place, also five grandchildren Glenn, Ellery, Eugene, Leslie and James. Funeral services were held at the family residence Tuesday. Rev. Odell officiating and Glenn L. Gallup was undertaker. Interment was made in the Grimes cemetery.

The residents of this place were shocked to learn of the death of H. Husbrook Beckley at the Higgins Memorial Hospital at Olean last Sunday, February 8 from pneumonia following an operation for the removal of a limb. H. Husbrook Beckley was born May 26, 1854, at Durhamville Oneida County, N. Y. By occupation he was a glass cutter and came to Port Allegany eighteen years ago to follow his trade. During his residence here he made a host of friends, both throughout the community and among his fellow tradesmen. He is survived by two brothers: E. F. Beckley of Lockport, N. Y., and C. C. Beckley of this place. Interment was made in the family lot at Canastoga, N. Y.

Lester Clark of this place and Miss Lillian Michaels of Smethport were married by the Rev. F. Becker at St. Gabriels Parsonage on Tuesday evening. The bride was becomingly dressed in black velvet and was attended by Miss Jessie Clark, dressed in blue satin and georgette. Miss Michaels is an accomplished young lady and at present is teacher in the Hazen school. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark and a popular Port Allegany young man who is employed at the Mississippi Glass Plant. Harry Greer acted as best man. Their many friends join with the Reporter-Argus in extending congratulations.

Mrs. Martha Barrett, aged 83, died Wednesday morning at 2:30 at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ruth Puhl, advanced age being the cause of her death. Mrs. Barrett for many years was a resident of Roulette, but of late had been staying at the home of her sister here. Besides a host of friends to mourn her loss she leaves one son, Dexter Barrett and three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Puhl and Mrs. Mary Leet of this place and Mrs. Carrie Sugstrom of Roulette. Funeral services will be conducted at the home of her son on Pearl street tomorrow afternoon, Rev. Lloyd officiating, H. F. Grabe, undertaker.

Following an illness of about five months, Harold Abbey VanWegan died Friday morning at the Public Service Hospital, Greenville, S. C. The end came as a shock to his many friends and acquaintances, as it was not generally known that his condition was so serious. Harold was 25 years of age, having been born in Coudersport January 10, 1895. He received his education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1913. Shortly after his graduation he began to work in the First National Bank where he continued until he was called to serve his country. He was a member of the Baptist Church, also a member of its board of trustees. He belonged also to the following organizations: the Masonic Lodge, City Club, the local Tennis Club, and the Frank Burt Post of the American Legion. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orio B. Van Wegan who have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss.

The funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at the Baptist Church, Rev. D. L. Lloyd officiating.

James Richard Cowan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cowan, was born at Red House, N. Y., October 19, 1898. He died at the home of Mr. Frank Cook Harrison street, Saturday evening from pneumonia. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cowan of this place; five sisters, Ethel, Grace and Alice who reside here, Emma of Perry, N. Y., and Mrs. Stonemetz of Oswego, Pa., also one brother. Funeral service were conducted at the U. B. Church, Tuesday afternoon prior to taking the body to Red House for burial, Rev. D. L. Lloyd officiating.—Reported-Argus.

MT. JEWETT

died at his home from the effects of pneumonia last Friday morning, February 6. He was about 70 years of age. He was taken with a stroke at the station in Hutchins last Wednesday, and was removed from there to his home, later contracting pneumonia, which caused his death as above stated. He is survived by one son, Frank Schriever. The remains were taken to Kersey, Pa., Tuesday and burial was made in the Catholic cemetery at that place.

Chester, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Larson, died of pneumonia Saturday, February 7. Mr. Larson's entire family had been down with the flu and were getting along nicely when it was discovered that this child had developed pneumonia. A hard fight was put up to save his life, but all efforts failed. The funeral services were held from the home on Tuesday by Rev. D. O. May and interment was made in Bridgeview cemetery.

This week shows a favorable light on the flu situation at Mt. Jewett. There has not been very many new cases, and a large number of those who had been confined to their homes are out and around again. The schools which were closed reopened last Monday.

Herman Frankart, who has been suffering with the flu for the past couple weeks, was taken to the Kane hospital Thursday. His many friends hope for his recovery.

Lydia Millard was brought home from the Kane hospital Thursday feeling very much improved after an operation for appendicitis.

The Cammy Flaj Club met at the home of Miss Madeline Tanner last Tuesday evening. Lunch was served and a line meeting reported by all present.

Mrs. Henry Roth left Saturday to join her husband at Weston, W. Va. where they will make their home.

Miss Cecelia Dane of Buffalo is nursing flu patients in town.—Herald.

ELDRED

Miss Fayetta J. Argoe of this place and Ernest S. Root of Bolivar, N. Y., were united in marriage at the home of the bride, on Mechanic street, at 8:45 Sunday morning, by the Rev. Thomas Lloyd of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Lester Russell acted as bride's maid, while Mr. Russell acted as best man. The happy couple left on the 9:49 train for Buffalo, returning Tuesday night. They were tendered a banquet at the home of Mrs. Iz. Silverman where there were 47 of their friends assembled. After the feast they were presented with a number of beautiful and useful gifts. Mr. Root is a successful insurance agent and oil producer who has operated through this section for the last four years. The bride has resided in Eldred for the last nine years and is well and very favorably known. Mr. and Mrs. Root expect to reside in Bolivar, N. Y.

A. B. Henry of Eldred received the startling dispatch last Friday that his brother, Walter Henry, was very ill, at his home in Seattle, Wash., and on Saturday another message that he was dead. The news was a great surprise as the deceased was believed to be in perfect health. Death followed an operation for intestinal trouble, when it was found that a malignant tumor had been draining the vitality, and complications resulted fatally. Deceased was 40 years of age and leaves a wife, two brothers, W. E. Henry of Covina, Calif., and A. B. Henry of Eldred, and one sister, Mrs. R. M. Jennings of Pittsburgh. He was general manager of the Aetna Life Insurance Company for the entire state of Washington, was remarkably successful, and a popular man socially. The funeral was held Monday.

Clarence Odell returned this week from his sojourn to the wild and wooly. He scalped no Injuns nor broke no broncbos, but he did take on several pounds of avoirdupois and good health, and, as that is what he went after, he is well satisfied with the trip—but glad to get home again.

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Mr. F. R. Humphreys, who formerly was located in Eldred, says that the doctor is very sick, and that last Sunday they had no hopes of his recovery. Tuesday, however, he rallied and seemed improved. He is suffering from neuralgia and rheumatism of the heart. While in Eldred the doctor had several attacks of sickness, and it compelled him to give up a very lucrative practice, and leave a community where he had made a legion of friends. It was thought that his service overseas in the Army service would prove beneficial to his health and his condition now, will be of concern and regret to his many friends here, who will vie with the Eagle in hoping for his speedy recovery.

Eight young people surprised Boyd McFall at his home on King street last Saturday night, in honor of his fourteenth birthday. The evening was enjoyed with games, music and luncheon, and a general good time had by all.

Little Marion Bolles, aged two years and nine months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bolles, died the fifth, at Mrs. Charles Sanderson's, at Windfall. The funeral was held Sunday and burial made at Rixford.

E. B. Chase, who had started for the soldiers' home at Akron, O., last week was taken ill, and got back to Olean where he entered the hospital and where he still is receiving treatment.

Mrs. Leo Lemon of Coryville, is in the Higgins Hospital at Olean very sick with bronchial pneumonia, Wednesday evening she having given birth to a son.

Born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kemp, on Mechanic street a boy.—Eagle.

CORYVILLE

L. I. Holmes was a business visitor in Smethport Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haynes and daughter, Josephine, were Larabee Eldred visitors last week.

Mrs. Jessie Washburn and Miss Mary Moody were in Eldred Thursday.

Mrs. Mae Moore was in Olean last Friday.

Mrs. Orrie Moody was in Eldred last Friday, a guest of Mrs. Emma Washburn.

Lawrence Washburn was in Eldred Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haynes of Larabee are visiting their son Joseph and family.

J. R. Taylor of Irishtown was a week end visitor of Leo Lemon and family. Mrs. Taylor who has been caring for her little grandsons, Herbert and Tommie Lemon for the past two weeks, has suffered an attack of the flu. Mr. Lemon's mother, Mrs. William Peake of Larabee, who has been staying at the Lemon home was sick with the flu at the same time. All are reported better.

Born, February 12, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lemon, Mrs. Lemon who was ill with the flu was taken to the Higgins Memorial Hospital at Olean, a week ago last Saturday, and later developed pneumonia, was in a critical condition for several days. Mr. Lemon was in Olean last Saturday and reported Mrs. Lemon recovering.

Mrs. Mildred Haynes was in Eldred Saturday.

Gordon Trank of Eldred is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fairchild.

James Parker and daughter, Mary, were in Olean Monday to attend the funeral of the former's brother-in-law, Fred C. Crandall.

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WATERWAY A FACT UNDER GOV. LOWDEN

Illinois Executive Carries Project to Success After Others Fail.

LINKS LAKES TO MISSISSIPPI

Improvement of Vast Importance to Mississippi Valley and Northwest—All Bars to Actual Construction Removed.

One of the outstanding achievements of Gov. Frank O. Lowden's administration in Illinois was the putting through of the Illinois waterways project which will cost $20,000,000 and provide water connection between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi river. The project has been under discussion for more than 20 years, and several state administrations have struggled in vain with this important problem. It remained for Governor Lowden to carry the great improvement through to success.

The last bar to the project was removed January 16 with the issuance of a permit by the secretary of war authorizing the state to proceed at once with the improvement. The beginning of actual construction work is now but a matter of a short time, and completion of the water link at last becomes a visible goal. Tremendous benefits will be realized by all classes of business interests in the Mississippi valley as the result of the opening of the water route.

"The waterway will be of immense value to farmers of the great producing region of the entire Mississippi valley and the Northwest," Governor Lowden said. "The Illinois project will be in accord with the improvement of the Mississippi, Ohio and Missouri rivers by the federal government for navigation. Locks will be 600 feet long, 110 feet wide, accommodating fleets of barges carrying 6,500 to 8,000 tons of freight, the equivalent of six to eight average train loads.

"Before the war and the increase of rail freight rates a ton of freight was carried a thousand miles by water as cheaply as fifty miles by rail. This is a fair indication of the benefit to be afforded the public by the work when it is completed. Its value is now enhanced by the government requirement of interchange of freight by railroad at suitable water terminal points throughout the country."

The waterway will follow the drainage canal from Chicago to Lockport from which the connection will be made with the Illinois river at Utica by a barge canal eight feet deep, which may later be deepened to 14 feet, as conditions require. In addition to the great advantages to commerce, water power valued at approximately $1,000,000 a year will be developed which will effect a saving of approximately 500,000 tons of coal annually.

The surveys and engineering work for the improvement have been under the direction of M. G. Barnes, who, during the Roosevelt administration, designed for the government the structure of the Panama canal. Construction work will be supervised by Frank I. Bennett, director of the department of public works and buildings, and William L. Sackett, superintendent of the division of waterways. These officers state that much of the preliminary work has already been accomplished. Funds for carrying on the construction were provided through the action of the last legislature authorizing the issuance of $20,000,000 bonds which have been affirmed by a vote of the people.

HOBBY FOR SAVING MARKS LOWDEN RULE

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MAGAZINES

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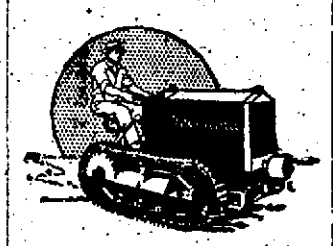

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Sam Oliver is doing chores for Corys and Patterson's.

Mr. George Brougham and daughter, Eileen, who have been at Liberty are home for a few days.

Joe McGill has been staying at Highland's for the past week.

The Bush Hill school closed last Tuesday night.

The road on Bush Hill was drifted so badly that our people received no mail last Wednesday.

Fred Cleveland of Coryville was seen on our road on Saturday.

Mrs. Orie Cory spent a few days of last week with her father, Volney Washburn of Moody Hollow, who is ill.

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Thursday, February 19, 1920.

The Conopus Club given the co-operation of the people of the community can undoubtedly take the initiative in movements that will result greatly to the benefit of Smethport, but to accomplish anything the club must have the community behind it. Don't lay back and knock, a sneer is not going to help matters. Let the men that are trying to do something for Smethport know that they have your confidence and the results will soon commence to materialize.

The fellow that said, "little things please little minds," must surely have had some experience with typographical errors. Once in a while one occurs that is out of the ordinary and immediately a wild burst of hilarity explodes. Such a mistake occurred last week in the MINER, and at least eighty-five people have called the editor's attention to it between bursts of unholy merriment and as the joke is commencing to pall, all others with such intentions in mind are hereby notified that we saw it. Har, Har—weak on the last Har.

An electric power and light plant is one of the most dire needs of Smethport at the present time and our citizens should devote their energy to securing such an institution without delay. It is time to face the fact that the day of natural gas is passing for this section of the country and that further dependence upon it for power or lights is impractical. This is a matter that should be of vital interest to the borough council as some means must be adopted to provide street lights for the borough, the present system being very unsatisfactory.

Secretary Lansing unable longer to endure the querulous complaints of the cabinet head has resigned, and as a consequence the administration has lost its most valuable man. The President, whom it is alleged is now directing affairs, being able to be moved about in a wheel-chair, took Mr. Lansing to task for daring to try and keep things moving while he, the President, was completely incapacitated. Mr. Lansing can retire with the understanding and sympathy of the great majority of American people.

Herbert Hoover says that he will support the party that supports his views and from what can be gathered from a recent statement no party at present fills this description. Mr. Hoover says he is not a candidate for President and is not ready at this time to declare his allegiance to any political party.

Ambassador James Gerard, who has presidential aspirations, and who lately announced his candidacy, provided Mr. Wilson would let him run, is reported recently to have said: "It is an important election, for the intelligent realize that our country now elects not merely a President. This country is going to elect a man to act as autocrat for four years. We know, at least, that the man elected can be an autocrat if he chooses." Evidently Gerard's association with Kaiser Wilhelm and with Woodrow Wilson has converted him to the side of autocratic government, but if he thinks the American people want any more of it he is due for sad disillusionment. For seven years this nation has been at the mercy of mad despotism and the whole country is in a ferment of indignation at the manner in which the executive branch has tyrannized over the legislative, and over the people. Class and sectional strife have been engendered almost to the point of rebellion, and the public purse has been squeezed unmercifully to pay the costs of disseminating vicious and un-American propaganda. Whilst the people were being hypnotized by the fine phrases for democracy a hard-boiled autocracy was being forged and fastened upon them, and this type of government, it appears, is favored by Candidate Gerard. It is well that the people have his words for it as to what they may expect if Providence should see fit to add to national penance by condemning us to four more years under the "Democratic" party. But that Providence will do this is unthinkable. Four more years such as we are now experiencing would just about wreck the United States.

The MINER this week carries the announcement of Hon. Frank E. Baldwin of Austin as a candidate for the re-nomination of State Senator from this district which comprises the counties of McKean, Potter and Tioga. Senator Baldwin is one of the real leaders in state affairs. His worth has been recognized in the body to which he seeks re-election until he has been advance to the highest position within the power of that body—President of the Senate. His ability, usefulness and influence have reached their height and surely he is the most valuable man to the county and district that can be named today. This fact should be considered by all voters irrespective of party affiliations. While Senator Baldwin has been a resident of Potter county for a number of years, he is one of McKean's native sons and was for a time during the beginning of his career as a lawyer a resident of Smethport where he has many loyal friends. The MINER is of the opinion that he is the logical candidate for the position which he seeks; there is surely no other man that has the power and ability to serve this county and district in the Senate as that possessed by Mr. Baldwin at this time and the MINER bespeaks his success in the primaries, May 18, and at the polls November 2.

REPUBLIC AND LEAGUE

We were not mistaken in our judgment. When the fact became known that Viscount Grey of Falloden was unable, owing to the President's illness, to present his credentials as Ambassador to this country from the Court of St. James's, and so decided to return home, we remarked that, in spite of his inability to discharge the duties which brought him here it was more than likely that he would in consequence take home with him information with regard to the attitude of this country toward the League of Nations which, as the accepted representative of his government, he might have been embarrassed in seeking. The New York Times in its issue of yesterday reprinted a letter from Lord Grey upon this very subject taken from the columns of the London Times of the day before. As we were led to believe, he took home with him a clear understanding of the controversy in this republic over the league and not at all the understanding which the advocates of the treaty as originally reported have repeatedly charged was the only understanding our associates in the war could accept.

Lord Grey has performed the service we believed he would perform upon his return home and, in performing it, he has cleared away the misunderstanding, both abroad and at home which has obscured the study of the league as it has been carried on by the Senate of the United States. He does not say that the heart of the world will not be seriously affected by the failure of the United States to enter the league, but he does say that it will not be weakened or broken by the manner of entrance which the majority Senate reservations prescribes. In short, the conflict in the Senate has been from the first, not a political game at all, but rather a profound discussion of how this republic can take its place in world affairs, for the peace of the world, without recklessly risking its welfare. The controversy has been between those who in a moment of emotionalism have been led to ignore practical considerations and those who, not indifferent to the dictates of a noble emotionalism, cannot blind their eyes to the force of practical considerations.—New Haven Journal-Courier.

The Federal judge who presided at the trial of the captured Mexicans who raided the town of Columbus, New Mexico, in March, 1916, has given some startling testimony before the Senate committee now investigating our relations with Mexico. He says that he was urged by the Department of Justice at Washington not to proceed with the trial on the ground that it might result in diplomatic complications with Mexico. He also stated that he received similar messages from the military commander of the Southern Department, and from either the Secretary of War or the Secretary of State, he could not recall which. "I sent back word," said Judge Medler, "that the men had been duly indicted by the grand jury and that I could see no reason for not proceeding with the trial. I told the writers of the messages there would be no watchful waiting in my court." The trial took place, and resulted in the conviction and execution of six Mexicans and the life imprisonment of a seventh.

President Wilson's condition, we are told, continues to improve, but everything indicates that there is plenty of room for improvement still.

FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE

Editor Miner:

Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate to the Republican National Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries, to be held May 18, 1920.

A. H. GAFFNEY.

Kane, Pa., December 18, 1919.

FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE

The MINER is authorized to announce the candidacy of Harry B. Scott, Philipsburg, Centre County, as delegate to the Republican National Convention, subject to the rules of the Republican primaries, to be held on May 18, 1920.

FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE

Editor McKean County Miner:

Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate to the National Republican Convention to be held in Chicago, June 8, 1920; subject to the decision of the Republican primaries May 18, 1920.

MELLVILLE GILLETT.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 1, 1920.

FOR STATE SENATOR

The MINER is authorized to announce the candidacy of Frank E. Baldwin of Austin, Potter county, for the Republican nomination of state senator in the Twenty-fifth senatorial district, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries to be held May 18, 1920.

FOR ASSEMBLY

Charles W. Catlin of Port Allegany, authorizes the MINER to announce that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the assembly, subject to the Republican primaries to be held May 18, 1920.

WESTERN PENNA. DRIVE TO AID ARMENIANS

Helpless Thousands To Be Saved From Death by American Generosity

$1,400,000 IS GOAL

To save from death by starvation 1,550,000 persons and many thousands more from extreme suffering by hunger, disease and cold, the Near East Relief, formerly the Armenian and Syrian Relief, will conduct a nation-wide drive to raise a minimum of $30,000,000 next month.

The Near East Relief is now operating under the terms of a charter granted by Congress and approved August 6 last, and, through its national committee, composed of leading Americans, has informed the American public that unless financial support from America is continued at least 1,650,000 persons will perish.

Of this number, 250,000 are babies, orphaned by the massacre of their parents by the Turks, 1,200,000 are destitute adults without shelter, food or clothing and 100,000 are women released by the ending of the war from Turkish bondage into which they were cast, because they refused to relinquish their Christian religion and become Mohammedans.

Western Pennsylvania's quota will be approximately $1,400,000 and the fund-raising drive in this end of the state will be held from February 15 to 29.

Leaders in business, professional and educational circles and prominent society, club and church women are now organizing into formidable committees in each of the Western Pennsylvania counties to put their respective counties "over the top" in their quotas for this humanitarian cause which will result in the continuance of the life and well-being of thousands of people in the Near East.

The splendid results attained last year in the Western Pennsylvania counties for this cause will undoubtedly be excelled this year, according to reports received at the Western Pennsylvania headquarters, 509 Grant street, Pittsburgh, from leaders in the work in various parts of Western Pennsylvania.

Patent Pie Pan.

An inventor has patented a pie pan in two sections that can be taken apart without danger of breaking its contents.

Free Lunch.

"A seasonable dish," says Household Hints, "is crab au gratis."—Boston Transcript.

Specimens of Skeeters.

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McKEAN COUNTY MINER

Thursday, February 19, 1920.

—Sugar was selling in local stores at 10 cents per pound Tuesday.

—Postmaster Jersey Lemon of Port Allegany was greeting friends in town Monday.

—Miss Zola Brasted, who has been severely ill for the past two weeks is recovering.

—Pennsylvania crude oil advanced 15 cents per barrel Tuesday and is now quoted at $5.65.

—Miss Edna Walker returned Saturday from a short visit at the home of her grandfather, M. S. Comes on Marvin Creek.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Walker of Bradford spent the week end with Mr. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker.

—Brother Gouvernour of St. Barnabas Home, Gibsonia, Pa., will speak in St. Luke's Church Sunday, February 22nd, both morning and evening.

—Mrs. E. W. Strong was in Olean last week to visit her mother, Mrs. Hida Evans, who is in the Clinic hospital in that city.

—Miss Clair McCarthy has been severely ill during the past week. Her place in the Farm Bureau office is being filled by Miss Norine Kidder.

—The Rev. Dr. Martin Aigner, rector St. John's Church, Franklin, Pa., will preach in St. Luke's Church Friday evening, February 20th.

—Miss Norine Kidder, who has been teaching school at Campbelltown, has resigned her position on account of illness. Miss Helen Freeman is now the teacher at that school.

—Miss Grace Brooks returned to Lock Haven Friday, where she is a student at the State Normal, after being here to attend the funeral of the late Frederica Green.

—James Connington left Fridy for his home in Mantua, N. J., after being here for about a week on account of the death of Mrs. Connington's sister, the late Frederica Green.

—Rev. Noble S. Mack of Rochester, N. Y., will hold services at the Baptist Church, both morning and evening. He is a candidate for the pastorship of that church, Rev. Guy Margeson having resigned.

—Reports from H. W. Rubin say that he shows gradual improvement from the sever illness and subsequent operation which he underwent at the Homeopathic Hospital in Buffalo.

—C. C. Choate is surely serving patrons of the Star Theater with some excellent attractions. Watch for the announcement next week of Douglas Fairbanks in 'His Majesty the American,' a stellar attraction, due early in March.

—Mrs. E. O. Garkin is confined to her home on King street suffring with influenza.

—George Barron of Coryville was in town Tuesday and a welcome caller at this office.

—Jack Morrison arrived in town Monday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morrison.

—Mrs. Vernon Swanson of Marvindale was a Smethport visitor last Thursday and during her stay in town was a pleasant caller at this office.

—Howard Brownell of New York city arrived in town Monday to visit his father, F. W. Brownell, who has been seriously ill for the past week.

—Miss Mary Kleisath, the efficient teller at the Grange National Bank, is confined to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kleisath, by illness.

—E. T. Garlick, who has been confined to his home suffering with the prevailing sickness, is reported to be recovering. Mr. Garlick was just recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism when he was stricken. His many friends will be glad to see him around again soon.

—The state highway offices on the second floor of the Brownell building are being conveniently fitted up with the most modern office furniture and preparations made on a large scale to transact the extensive business of this highway district during the coming season.

—Our esteemed townsman F. W. Brownell, who has been seriously ill during the past week, is reported to be gaining every day. Mr. Brownell suffered an attack of pneumonia, but from present indications has bseated the disease and will soon be able to leave his bed which is welcome news to the community.

—Senator F. E. Baldwin of Austin was a visitor in Smethport Tuesday, and busy greeting many friends. He is a candidate for renomination and from all present indications will have no trouble retaining his seat in the Senate, whose members at the last session honored him by electing him president of the Senate.

—Hon. C. W. Catlin of Port Allegany was in town Monday and made this office a pleasant call. Mr. Catlin is a candidate for re-nomination as member of assembly and his announcement of that fact appears in this issue. As the MINER stated several weeks ago there is a general sentiment among the voters to return Messrs. Catlin and Fitzgibbon to the legislature where both have made admirable records and this sentiment seems on the increase now.

—The fourth annual report of the McKean County Farm Bureau is a sixteen-page book just issued from this office. It contains a most comprehensive survey of the various activities of the bureau for the past year and is embellished with most interesting illustrations. The excellence of the Farm Bureau as an institution is apparent to anyone who reads this report of one year's activities.

EAST SMETHPORT

Mrs. Peterson was a Crosby visitor Thursday.

Mrs. James Lynch and Mrs. Clyde Bull spent several days in Johnsonburg last week.

The marriage of Miss Edith Schoonmaker and Ralph Mayo was solemnized in Niagara Falls last Thursday. This young couple have many friends who unite in wishing them a happy married life.

The Misses Mabel and Celia Olson of Buffalo and Anna Olson of Pittsburgh were called home by illness of their parents last week.

Mary O'Connor has returned to Lafayette after spending the week here.

Miss Rose Oviatt of Lebanon, Pa., died suddenly Thursday morning. The remains were brought to Smethport Monday morning. Rev. Gregson officiated and interment was made in Rose Hill cemetery.

Ruth Howe who has been ill for the past week is much improved at this writing.

Forrest H. Nourse has purchased a Buick Six.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Peterson of Olean returned home Saturday after spending a week with relatives here.

Miss Ethel Reeves has returned from Port Allegany where she has been visiting.

Orrin Pippin was a guest of his brothe Lewis one day last week.

Mr. Ohman, who has been suffering with the grippe is now convalescent.

Lawrence Washburn of Coryville was a Sunday guest of friends here.

School reopened Monday after being closed for several days.

Gladys Hackett is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pippin were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Crawford.

Word has been received of the death of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Burdick of Detroit, Mich.

The school at Burbanks closed Monday on account of gas shortage.

Miss Mabel Olson returned to Buffalo after spending a week with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Burdick received word that their daughter Lois of Wellsville, N. Y., is suffering with the flu.

Mrs. Lewis Pippin is entertaining her two sons, who have recently returned from France.

DRINKING WOOD ALCOHOL

Olean, Feb. 14.—Olean is promiscuous in her drinking, according to Chief John C. Dempsey. The city will have deaths of denatured alcohol poisoning by the wholesale if the drinking of the stuff is not stopped here, warned the chief. Chief Dempsey said he had in his office a collection of empty bottles, with denatured alcohol labels, which had been gathered in out-of-the-way places in all sections of the city.

There has been some cases of denatured alcohol poisoning in the city, according to the chief, but there has been no deaths. The fact that alcohol is an antidote for carbolic acid has saved some of the persons who drank it, it is believed, as the alcohol will counteract the acid. The formaldehyde and bicloride in the alcohol have made some persons deathly ill, it was reported.

Olean pharmacists do not care to handle the stuff, but it is necessary for them to do so. They say it is difficult for them to discriminate. Men with injuries and lameness ask for it, they say, and they do not know whether they are in need of it, or faking their ailments. Many women have bought the stuff recently, and the police believe that some are getting it for men of their families. It is believed that many are using it in soft drinks.

Pictorial Patterns. Arrow Shirts.

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Topics of the day

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UNIVERSAL FEATURE
FIRE FLINGERS
MANN COMEDY
AN EYE FOR FIGURES

Thurpday, February 26th
SESSUE HAYAKAWA, in
HIDDEN PEARLS
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TARZAN AND THE Jewels of Opar

By EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS

Author of "Tarzan of the Apes" "Son of Tarzan"

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Abdul Mourak, always watchful, was the first to see them, but already they were halfway across the open. Werper, swinging into his saddle, fastened his eyes upon the newcomers, then, white and trembling, he turned toward Abdul Mourak.

"It is Achmet Zek and his raiders," he whispered. "They are come for the gold."

It must have been at about the same instant that Achmet Zek discovered the pile of yellow ingots and realized the actuality of what he had already feared since first his eyes had alighted upon the party beside the ruins of the Englishman's bungalow. Some one had forestalled him—another had come for the treasure ahead of him.

The Arab cared not whom the thieves might be. They would not give up the gold without a battle. Of that he was certain, and with a wild whoop and a command to his followers, Achmet Zek put spurs to his horse and dashed down upon the Abyssinians, and after him, waving their long guns above their heads, yelling and cursing, came his motley horde of cut-throat followers.

The men of Abdul Mourak met them with a volley which emptied a few saddles, and then the raiders were among them, and sword, pistol and musket, each was doing its most hideous and bloody work.

Achmet Zek, spying Werper at the first charge, bore down upon the Belgian, and the latter, terrified by contemplation of the fate he deserved, turned his horse's head and dashed madly away in an effort to escape. Shouting to a lieutenant to take command, and urging him upon pain of death to dispatch the Abyssinians and

Achmet Zek Set Off Across the Plain in Pursuit.

bring the gold back to his camp, Achmet Zek set off across the plain in pursuit of the Belgian, his wicked nature unable to forego the pleasures of revenge, even at the risk of sacrificing the treasure.

Werper, going over his head called a few yards farther on, scrambled to his feet and ran back. Seizing the reins he tugged to drag the beast to his feet; but the animal would not or could not rise, and as the Belgian cursed and struck him, Achmet Zek appeared in view.

Instantly the Belgian ceased his efforts with the dying animal at his feet, and seizing his rifle, dropped behind the horse and fired at the oncoming Arab.

His bullet, going low, struck Achmet Zek's horse in the breast, bringing him down a hundred yards from where Werper lay preparing to fire a second shot.

The Arab, who had gone down with his mount, was standing astride him, and seeing the Belgian's strategic position behind his fallen horse, lost no time in taking up a similar one behind his own.

And there the two lay, alternately firing at and cursing each other, while from behind the Arab, Tarzan of the Apes approached to the edge of the forest. Keeping to one side of the trail, the ape-man came presently to a point where he could look down in comparative safety upon the fighters. First one and then the other would partially raise himself above his breastwork of horseflesh, fire his weapon and immediately drop flat behind his shelter, where he would reload and repeat the act a moment later.

Werper had fired all but a single cartridge, when, during a lull in the fighting, he called aloud to his opponent.

"Achmet Zek," he cried, "Allah alone knows which one of us may leave our bones to rot where he lies upon this trail today if we keep up our foolish battle. You want the contents of the pouch I wear about my waist, and I wish my life and my liberty even more than I do the jewels. Let us each, then, take that which he most desires and go our separate ways in peace. I will lay the pouch upon the carcass of my horse, where you may see it, and you, in turn, will lay your gun upon your horse, with butt toward me. Then I will go away, leaving the pouch to you, and you will let me go in safety. I want only my life, and my freedom."

The Arab thought in silence for a moment. Then he spoke. His reply was influenced by the fact that he had expended his last shot.

"Go your way, then," he growled, "leaving the pouch in plain sight behind you. See, I lay my gun thus, with the butt toward you. Go."

Regretfully Werper laid the pouch, its contents undisturbed, upon the body of his horse, rose, and taking his rifle with him, backed slowly down the trail until a turn hid him from the view of the watchful Arab.

But Achmet Zek was no fool to expose himself to the blackened honor of a thief and a murderer. Taking his long gun with him, he left the trail, entering the rank and tangled vegetation which walled it, and crawling slowly forward on hands and knees he paralleled the trail; but never for an instant was his body exposed to the rifle of the hidden assassin.

Thus Achmet Zek advanced until he had come opposite the dead horse of his enemy. The pouch lay there in full view, while a short distance along the trail, Werper waited in growing impatience and nervousness, wondering why the Arab did not come to claim his reward.

Presently he saw the muzzle of a rifle appear suddenly and mysteriously a few inches above the pouch, and before he could realize the cunning trick that the Arab had played upon him the sight of the weapon was adroitly hooked into the rawhide thong which formed the carrying strap of the pouch, and the latter was drawn quickly from his view into the dense foliage at the trail's side.

There was another who had seen the pouch and recognized it, who advanced with Achmet Zek, hovering above him, as silent and as sure as death itself, and as the Arab, finding a little spot less overgrown with bushes than he had yet encountered, prepared to gloat his eyes upon the contents of the pouch, Tarzan paused directly above him, intent upon the same object.

Wetting his thin lips with his tongue, Achmet Zek loosened the tie strings which closed the mouth of the pouch, and cupping one clawlike hand poured forth a portion of the contents into his palm.

A single look he took at the stones lying in his hand. His eyes narrowed, a curse broke from his lips, and he hurled the small objects upon the ground disdainfully. Quickly he emptied the balance of the contents until he had scanned each separate stone, and as he dumped them all upon the ground and stamped upon them his rage grew until the muscles of his face worked in demoniike fury, and his fingers clenched until his nails bit into the flesh.

Above, Tarzan watched in wonderment. He had been curious to discover what all the pow-wow about his pouch had meant. He wanted to see what the Arab would do after the other had gone away, leaving the pouch behind him, and, having satisfied his curiosity, he would then have pounced upon Achmet Zek and taken the pouch and his pretty pebbles away from him, for did they not belong to Tarzan?

He saw the Arab now throw aside the empty pouch, and grasping his long gun by the barrel, clublike, sneak stealthily through the jungle beside the trail along which Werper had gone.

As the man disappeared from his view, Tarzan dropped to the ground and commenced gathering up the spilled contents of the pouch, and the moment that he obtained his first near view of the scattered pebbles he understood the rage of the Arab, for instead of the glittering and scintillating gems which had first caught and held the attention of the ape-man, the pouch had now contained but a collection of ordinary river pebbles.

Above, Tarzan Watched in Wonderment.

CHAPTER XV.

Jane Clayton Again a Prisoner.

Mugambi, after his successful break for liberty, had fallen upon hard times. His way had led him through a country with which he was unfamiliar, a jungle country in which he could find no water, and but little food, so that after several days of wandering he found himself so reduced in strength that he could barely drag himself along.

A few stagnant pools at considerable distances apart saved him from death by thirst; but his was a pitiable state when finally he stumbled by accident upon a large river in a country where fruit was abundant, and also game which he might bag by means of a combination of stealth, cunning, and a crude knob-stick which he had fashioned from a fallen limb.

One day, as he hunted, a pair of savage eyes discovered him from the concealment of the branches of a great tree beneath which the black warrior passed. Bloodshot, wicked eyes they were, set in a fierce and hairy face.

The creature was Chulk, and he looked down upon the unconscious man more in curiosity than in hate. Chulk eyed the pouch which, suspended over Mugambi's shoulder, swung beside his black hip. This took his fancy, for it was ornamented with feathers and a fringe, and so the ape hung about Mugambi's boma, waiting an opportunity to seize it either by stealth or might.

Nor was it long before the opportunity came. Feeling safe within his thorny enclosure Mugambi was wont to stretch himself in the shade of his shelter during the heat of the day, and sleep in peaceful security until the declining sun carried with it the enervating temperature of midday.

Watching from above, Chulk saw the black warrior stretched thus in the unconsciousness of sleep one sultry afternoon. He approached the sleeper upon padded feet which gave forth no sound, and with an uncanny woodcraft that rustled not a leaf or a grass blade.

Pausing beside the man, the ape bent over and examined his belongings. The only detachable things were the knobstick and the pouch, which had fallen from the black's shoulder as he rolled in sleep.

Seizing these two articles, Chulk retreated with haste, and every indication of nervous terror, to the safety of the tree from which he had dropped and, still haunted by that indefinable terror which the close proximity of man awakened in his breast, fled precipitately through the jungle.

It was some time after Mugambi awoke that he missed the pouch. Instantly he was all excitement. What could have become of it? It had been there when he lay down to sleep. How then had it vanished?

In the trampled turf beside him was the faint impress of huge, manlike feet. Mugambi raised his brows as the truth dawned upon him. Hastily leaving the boma he searched in all directions about the enclosure for some further sign of the tell-tale spoor; but the faint signs left by a wary ape who elects to travel through the trees eluded the woodcraft of Mugambi. Tarzan might have followed them; but no ordinary mortal could perceive them, or perceiving, translate.

The black, now strengthened and refreshed by his rest, felt ready to set out again for Waziri, and finding himself another knob-stick, turned his back upon the river and plunged into the mazes of the jungle.

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As Taglat struggled with the bonds which secured the ankles and wrists of his captive, the great lion that eyed the two from behind a nearby clump of bushes wormed closer to his intended prey.

The ape's back was toward the lion. His first intimation of impending danger was the thunderous and triumphant roar which the charging lion could no longer suppress.

Scarce pausing for a backward glance, Taglat abandoned the unconscious woman and fled in the opposite direction from the horrid sound which had broken in so unexpected and terrifying a manner upon his startled ears; but the warning had come too late to save him, and the lion, in his second bound, alighted full upon the broad shoulders of the anthropoid.

As the great bull went down there was awakened in him to the full all the cunning, all the ferocity, all the physical prowess which obey the mightiest of the fundamental laws of nature, the law of self-preservation, and turning upon his back he closed with the carnivore in a death struggle so fearless and abandoned that for a moment the great Numa himself may have trembled for the outcome.

Rolling over and over upon the turf the two battled with demoniac fury until the colossal cat, by doubling his hind paws far up beneath his belly, sank his talons deep into Taglat's chest, then, ripping downward with all his strength, Numa accomplished his design and the disemboweled anthropoid, with a last spasmodic struggle, relaxed in limp and bloody dissolution beneath his titanic adversary.

Scrambling to his feet, Numa looked about quickly in all directions, as though seeking to detect the possible presence of other foes; but only the still and unconscious form of the girl, lying a few paces from him, met his gaze, and with an angry growl he placed a forepaw upon the body of his kill and raising his head gave voice to his savage victory cry.

For another moment he stood with fierce eyes roving to and fro about the clearing. At last they halted for a second time upon the girl. Like two yellow-green augers, wide and unblinking, the terrible eyes remained fixed upon Jane Clayton. The erect and majestic pose of the great frame shrank suddenly into a sinister crouch as, slowly and gently as one who treads on eggs, the devil-faced cat crept forward toward the girl.

Benedicent Fate maintained her in happy unconsciousness of the dread presence sneaking stealthily upon her. She did not know when the lion paused at her side. She did not hear the sniffing of his nostrils as he smelled about her. She did not feel the heat of the fetid breath upon her face, nor the dripping of the saliva from the frightful jaws half opened so close above her.

Finally the lion lifted a forepaw and turned the body of the girl half over, then he stood again eyeing her as though still undetermined whether life was extinct or not. Some noise or odor from the nearby jungle attracted his attention for a moment. His eyes did not again return to Jane Clayton, and presently he left her, walked over to the remains of Taglat and, crouching down upon his kill with his back toward the girl, proceeded to devour the ape.

It was upon this scene that Jane Clayton at last opened her eyes. Inured to danger, she maintained her self-possession in the face of the startling surprise which her new-found consciousness revealed to her. She saw that the lion had killed the ape and that he was devouring his prey less than fifty feet from where she lay; but what could she do? Her hands and feet were bound. She must wait then, in what patience she could command, until Numa had eaten and digested the ape, when, without doubt, he would return to feast upon her, unless, in the meantime, the dread hyenas should discover her, or some other of the numerous prowling carnivora of the jungle.

As she lay tormented by these frightful thoughts she suddenly became conscious that the bonds on her wrists and ankles no longer hurt her, and then of the fact that her hands were separated, one lying upon either side of her, instead of both being confined at her back.

For a moment Jane Clayton was overwhelmed with joy and thanksgiving; but only for a moment. What good was her new-found liberty in the face of the frightful beast crouching so close beside her?

She watched the lion narrowly. He could not see her without turning his head more than halfway around. She would attempt a ruse. Silently she rolled over in the direction of the nearest tree, and away from the lion, until

Here She Lay Breathless, Watching the Lion.

she lay again in the same position in which Numa had left her, but a few feet farther from him.

Here she lay breathless, watching the lion; but the beast gave no indication that he had heard aught to arouse his suspicions. Again she rolled over, gaining a few more feet and again she lay in rigid contemplation of the beast's back.

The girl was but a few paces from the tree—a moment more and she would be close enough to chance springing to her feet, throwing caution aside and making a sudden, bold dash for safety. She was halfway over in her turn, her face away from the lion, when he suddenly turned his great head and fastened his eyes upon her. He saw her roll over upon her side away from him, and then her eyes were turned again toward him, and the cold sweat broke from the girl's every pore as she realized that, with life almost within her grasp, death had found her out.

For a long time neither the girl nor the lion moved. The beast lay motionless, his head turned upon his shoulders and his glaring eyes fixed upon the rigid victim, now nearly fifty yards away.

Realizing that she could not again turn without attracting his immediate and perhaps fatal attention, Jane Clayton resolved to risk all in one last attempt to reach the tree and clamber to the lower branches.

Gathering herself stealthily for the effort, she leaped suddenly to her feet, but almost simultaneously the lion sprang up, wheeled and with wide-distended jaws and terrific roars, charged swiftly down upon her.

Fear can work wonders, and though the upward spring of the lion as he neared the tree into which she was scrambling brought his talons in contact with her boots she eluded his raking grasp, and as he hurtled against the bole of her sanctuary, the girl drew herself into the safety of the branches above his reach.

For some time the lion paced, growling and moaning, beneath the tree in which Jane Clayton crouched, panting and trembling. It was almost dark before he finally quit the clearing, and even had his place beside the remnants of the mangled ape not been immediately usurped by a pack of hyenas, Jane Clayton would scarcely have dared venture from her refuge in the face of impending night.

Tired nature at last overcame even her fears, and she dropped into a deep slumber, cradled in a comparatively safe, though rather uncomfortable, position against the bole of the tree, and supported by two large branches which grew outward, almost horizontally, but a few inches apart.

The sun was high in the heavens when she at last awoke, and beneath her was no sign either of Numa or the hyenas. Both hunger and thirst assailed her now, and realizing that she must descend or die of starvation, she at last summoned courage to undertake the ordeal of continuing her journey through the jungle.

Descending from the tree, she set out, in a southerly direction, toward the point where she believed the plains of Waziri lay, and though she knew that only ruin and desolation marked the spot where once her happy home had stood, she hoped that by coming to the broad plain she might eventually reach one of the numerous Waziri villages that were scattered over the surrounding country, or chance upon a roving band of these indefatigable huntsmen.

The day was half spent when there broke unexpectedly upon her startled ears the sound of a rifle shot not far ahead of her. As she paused to listen, this first shot was followed by another and another. What could it mean?

As the firing became less rapid she caught the sound of men's voices, though she could distinguish no words, and she heard two men calling to each other in loud tones. Then there was a long silence which was finally broken by the stealthy padding of footfalls on the trail ahead of her, and in another moment a man appeared in view back ing toward her, a rifle in his hands and his eyes directed in careful watchfulness along the way that he had come.

Almost instantly Jane Clayton recognized the man as M. Jules Frecoult who so recently had been a guest in her home. She was upon the point of calling to him in glad relief when she saw him leap quickly to one side and hide himself in the thick verdure at the trail's side. It was evident that he was being followed by an enemy, and as Jane Clayton kept silence lest she distract Frecoult's attention, or guide his foe to his hiding place.

Scarcely had Frecoult hidden himself than the figure of a white-robed Arab crept silently along the trail in pursuit. From her hiding place, Jane Clayton could see both men, plainly she recognized Achmet Zek as the leader of the ruffians who had raided her home and made her a prisoner, and as she saw Frecoult, the supposed friend and ally, raise his gun and take careful aim at the Arab, her heart stood still and every power of her soul

Her Heart Stood Still.

was directed upon a fervent prayer for the accuracy of his aim.

Achmet Zek paused in the middle of the trail. His keen eyes scanned every bush and tree within the radius of his vision. His tall figure presented a perfect target to the perfidious assassin. There was a sharp report, and a little puff of smoke arose from the bush that hid the Belgian, as Achmet Zek stumbled forward and pitched, face down, upon the trail.

As Werper stepped back into the trail, he was startled by the sound of a glad cry from above him, and as he wheeled about to discover the author of this unexpected interruption, he saw Jane Clayton drop lightly from a nearby tree and run forward with outstretched hands to congratulate him upon his victory.

If the Belgian had entertained any doubts as to the woman's knowledge of his part in the perfidious attack upon her home and herself, it was quickly dissipated by the genuine friendship of her greeting. She told him quickly of all that had befallen her since he had departed from her home, and as she spoke of the death of her husband her eyes were veiled by the tears which she could not repress.

"I am shocked," said Werper, in well-simulated sympathy; "but I am not surprised. That devil there," and he pointed toward the body of Achmet Zek, "has terrorized the entire country. Your Waziri are either exterminated, or have been driven out of their country, far to the south. Our only hope lies in traveling northward as rapidly as we may, of coming to the camp of the raiders before the knowledge of Achmet Zek's death reaches those who were left there, and of obtaining, through some ruse, an escort toward the north. It is our only hope, Lady Greystoke, and you must place your entire faith in me if I am to succeed. Wait for me here a moment while I take from the Arab's body the wallet that he stole from me," and Werper stepped quickly to the dead man's side, and, kneeling, sought with quick fingers the pouch of jewels. To his consternation, there was no sign of them in the garments of Achmet Zek. Puzzled, disappointed and angry he at last returned to the girl. "The wallet is gone," he explained, crisply, "and I dare not delay longer in search of it. We must reach the camp before the returning raiders."

Unsuspicious of the man's true character, Jane Clayton saw nothing peculiar in his plans, or in his specious explanation of his former friendship for the raider, and so she grasped with alacrity the seeming hope for safety which he proffered her and, turning about, she set out with Albert Werper toward the hostile camp in which she so lately had been a prisoner.

Calling aloud to those who tended the gates, Werper, grasping Jane Clayton by the arm, walked boldly across the clearing. Those who opened the gates to him permitted their surprise to show clearly in their expressions. That the discredited and hunted lieutenant should be thus returning fearlessly of his own volition seemed to disarm them quite as effectually as his manner toward Lady Greystoke had deceived her.

Jane Clayton was again confined in the prison hut she had formerly occupied, but as she realized that this was but a part of the deception which she and Frecoult were playing upon the credulous raiders it was with a different sensation that she again entered the vile and filthy interior, from that which she had previously experienced when hope was so far away.

Once more she was bound and sentries placed before the door of her prison; but before Werper left her he whispered words of cheer into her ear. Then he left and made his way back to the tent of Mohammed Beyd, Achmet's lieutenant.

Mohammed Beyd sat cross-legged upon a rug, smoking. The Arab looked up as the European came into his presence.

"Greetings, O, brother!" he said.

"Greetings!" replied Werper.

For a while neither spoke further. The Arab was the first to break the silence.

"And my master, Achmet Zek, was well when last you saw him?" he asked.

"Never was he safer from the sins and dangers of mortality," replied the Belgian.

"It is well," said Mohammed Beyd, blowing a little puff of blue smoke straight out before him.

Again there was silence for several minutes.

"And if he were dead?" asked the Belgian, determined to lead up to the truth and attempt to bribe Mohammed Beyd into his service.

The Arab's eyes narrowed and he leaned forward, his gaze boring straight into the eyes of the Belgian.

"I have been thinking much, Werper, since you returned so unexpectedly to the camp of the man whom you deceived and who sought you with death in his heart. I have thought much, as I said, and the result of my thinking has assured me that Achmet Zek is dead—for otherwise you would never have dared return to his camp, unless you be either a braver man or a bigger fool than I have imagined. And, if this evidence of my judgment is not sufficient, I have but just now received from your own lips even more confirmatory witness—for did you not say that Achmet Zek was never more safe from the sins and dangers of mortality? Tell me why you have come back here. Tell me what you want and, Werper, if you still possess the jewels of which Achmet Zek told me, there is no reason why you and I should not ride north together and divide the ransom of the white woman and the contents of the pouch you wear about your person. Eh?"

(Continued next week.)

"O. K."

More than a century ago the best tobacco and the best rum came from Aux Cayes (pronounced O. K.), and the best of anything was designated as Aux Cayes, or O. K. This meaning of the phrase is still retained. In the Jackson campaign every lie that could be invented was invented to blacken the general's character, and an indorsement that he had made, "this is O. K." (meaning the best), was taken by Reba Smith, and declared by him to be but an abbreviation of the gentleman's customary indorsement of papers as "oil korrect." The Democrats took up this statement and fastened the mystic letters to their banners. The meaning, "all correct" stuck to the letters, and since then they have been used in the two latter legs of "the best" and "all right."

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Out of the depths of human misery, these victims of starvation and Turkish cruelty came to a Near East Relief station in Armenia seeking aid in their distress. They are typical of the 1,500,000 persons, including 250,000 orphaned children and 100,000 women recently released from Turkish bondage by the Allied troops, to save whom from death by starvation the American Committee for Near East Relief is waging a nation-wide campaign to raise a minimum of $30,000,000.

Seven hundred thousand Armenians in the Caucasus section of Armenia alone will die of starvation before the next harvest unless American aid is continued, Herbert Hoover declares. The Western Pennsylvania drive to realize $1,400,000 for this cause will be held from February 15 to 29.

RAGGED CHILDREN TRAMP IN SNOW TO ORPHANAGE

No Funds Available For Food, Clothing or Medicine—Situation Desperate

The dire need for relief in Armenia and the Near East is vividly portrayed in a cablegram received by the American Committee for Near East Relief from Henry H. Riggs, president of the Euphrates College at Harpoot and head of the Harpoot relief unit, and Major Davis G. Arnold, managing director of Near East Relief in that area.

The cablegram received by the United States Naval Radio Service from Harpoot follows:

"Harpoot unit now caring for 4,000 orphans. Our children are happy, healthy, clean, well fed, clothed and housed. Other wretched homeless children come daily tramping through deep snows and bitter cold seeking admission to our orphanage. May we take them in or must we turn out our own for lack of funds?

"Refugees in the streets and the poor in outlying villages are suffering pitifully in zero weather and indescribable rags. We have no funds to feed or clothe them. Medicines are greatly needed."

It is to relieve such conditions as this—and this is only one of thousands of such cases—that the Near East Relief will conduct a drive in Western Pennsylvania from February 15 to 29 to raise $1,400,000, the amount to be realized in this section of the state toward the nation-wide quota of a minimum of $30,000,000. Western Pennsylvania campaign headquarters are at 509 Grant street, Pittsburgh, and Chancellor Samuel B. McCormick, of the University of Pittsburgh, is chairman of the Western Pennsylvania committee.

THE LIFE-SAVING POWER OF AMERICAN MONEY IN ARMENIA

Near East Relief Price List.

$5 per month is food for one orphan.

$10 per month is food and clothing for one orphan.

$15 per month is entire care for one orphan.

$20 per month keeps a girl in the rescue home.

$25 bed and clothing for one refugee.

$50 gives an adult one warm meal a day for a year at the soup kitchen.

$75 pays for a bed in the hospital for one year.

$100 covers the payroll of a small factory employing 50 women.

$180 keeps an orphan for one year.

$240 keeps one rescued girl for one year.

$500 pays the freight on 100 tons of flour—350,000 tons are needed in the Caucasus.

$1,000 gets old clothing from America to 5,000 people.

$5,000 equips an orphanage for 100 children, exclusive of buildings.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

AMERICAN RELIEF PARTY SLAIN BY BANDITS

Near East Workers Murdered While Taking Food to Starving Armenians

Three Americans, workers connected with the Near East Relief, were murdered recently by bandits in the Aleppo district while taking food supplies to the starving Armenians, according to Associated Press reports. The identity of the workers has not yet been ascertained by officials of the Near East Relief.

In connection with the murder of the relief party, Chancellor Samuel B. McCormick of the University of Pittsburgh, who as chairman of the Western Pennsylvania Committee for Near East Relief is heading up the drive to raise $1,400,000 in this part of the state from February 15 to 29, issued the following statement:

"The bandit attacks are frequent occurrences, our workers daily taking their lives in their hands owing to the unstable political conditions in the Near East. But the desperate condition of the starving people impels us to carry on with the work. We must not let them starve. Our heroic workers feel that they owe not only a humanitarian duty to the starving Armenians but also to the American people whose generosity makes possible the saving of thousands of lives of men, women and children."

Chancellor McCormick also stated that he would announce the names of the martyr relief workers as soon as they are received at the Western Pennsylvania headquarters, 509 Grant street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

W. PENNA. WOMEN LEADERS ENDORSE ARMENIAN RELIEF

The vast army of club women—that group which sacrified itself to aid in the work at home necessary in the winning of the war—will assist in the drive of the Western Pennsylvania Committee for Near East Relief to realize $1,400,000 in this part of the state to aid in keeping alive the destitute and starving peoples o. the Near East.

Miss Florence M. Dibert of Johnstown, president of the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women, and Miss Helen Grimes, president of the Congress of Women's Clubs of Western Pennsylvania, have both informed the Western Pennsylvania Committee that the club women will not fail to do their share in this humanitarian fund-raising effort.

Both of these prominent leaders in club circles in the state have written to the various women's clubs throughout Western Pennsylvania urging them to take an active part in the drive "to save a Christian race from extinction" and both have received numerous affirmative replies.

WESTERN PENNA. URGED TO AID ARMENIA

New Castle Relief Worker Says Thousands Will Die if American Aid Stopped

CHILDREN SLEEP WITH DEAD

Conditions in Erivan, the proposed capital of the new Armenian republic, are described by Miss Louise Chamberlin, of 925 East Morton street, New Castle, Pa., who has just returned to America after 10 months' service as a nurse in the Near East Relief hospitals at Erivan.

Miss Chamberlin states that, while conditions among the Armenian refugees in the Caucasus have been mitigated by the work of Near East Relief, they are still so terrible that it will require continued American support to prevent the greatest tragedy the world has ever known.

"To helpless Armenia, America is the only star of hope," declared Miss Chamberlin. "I hope and pray that America will heed the appeal of Near East Relief."

Three other Western Pennsylvanians are now engaged in relief work in the Near East, James Boll, of 20 Ellwood avenue, Crafton; Raymond Custer, of 7721 Tioga street, Pittsburgh, and Miss Nancy McFarland, of 6501 Elmer street, Pittsburgh.

"With my own eyes I have seen living children in the shelters sleeping on what I supposed were dirty mattresses in a court yard," said Miss Chamberlin. "Not until we aroused the little ones did we see the mattresses were the blackened bodies of their companions, some of them dead for several days. This was in the courtyards before the American workers took charge. I asked some of the children why they slept on the bodies and their answer was they had to have something to sleep on to keep their almost naked bodies from the frozen ground.

"And inside under a so-called roof there were more children sleeping—in beds—such beds. Emaciated, half-naked little ones, their skins stretched across their bones and shriveled until with their claw-like fingers and parchment-skinned faces they looked more like mummies than human beings.

"They were sleeping—with the dead. For beside them lay others who had died during the long, cold night. And because there was so little help, so few able to do anything and those few half fed and with no facilities, the quick lay with the dead.

"Death was all around us. So many had died, so many more were certain to die, that the people had lost all fear of it.

The Armenian government was shocked at conditions, but powerless to remedy them. It gave what it had, but God knows it had only too little to give. It had no money, no credit and what food it could get from outside vanished on the way.

"Will American mothers believe me when I tell them I have seen with my own eyes babies barely able to toddle stand for hours in the bread line at one of the first soup kitchens we established, every bone in their naked little bodies showing while they waited, only kept from falling by the pressure of their companions? Among ther were babies that by right should have been at their mother's breast. The mother was dead, and her baby one of hundreds among the starving refugees.

"We have seen hopeless mothers, themselves on the verge of death, beg their priests to bless their infants and then drown them that they might be spared the horrors of slow starvation.

"We have had our stations invaded by a sobbing, clamorous throng of women begging for a little bread for their children—none for themselves—and for the first two weeks of our stay we had to refuse them because our supplies had not arrived. We gave our own food—it was easy at first for how could we stomach food after the sights we saw in the streets and our shelters?

"If you had seen children in the streets of Erivan last winter pounding with stones the bones of animals into a rough, pasty mass and greedily devouring it, if you had known that in the cemeteries bodies had been stolen and the next day were seen in the cooking pots of the refugees, human bones; what would you say? Could you blame them?

"Did they need the Near East Relief in the Caucasus? Do they still need it? Let me tell you as dispassionately as I can. Yes.

"To helpless Armenia, America is the one star of hope. American aid has saved thousands of this old people. American aid must be continued or thousands, scores of thousands more, will die and die before spring.

"I hope and pray with all my heart that America will heed the appeal of the Near East Relief. I have tried to have you visualize things as they are, as I have seen them. Don't think they are exaggerated. The actual conditions need no exaggeration. Yet cannot exaggerate conditions when an entire people is starving and freezing and dying, where the quick and the dead have to lie together and the pitiful wails of hungry, orphaned babies sound through the long winter days and nights of the icy Caucasus."

Poster Tells Dramatic Story

This picture, painted especially for the Near East Relief by M. Leone Bracker, vividly portrays what words fail to express—the horrible suffering of the women and children of Armenia and adjacent countries. Peace has blessed Europe and America for more than a year but in Western Asia conditions more frightful than any war time experiences of the martyred populations of Belgium and France still exist. Thousands of women and children escaped massacre by the Turkish soldiers only to face the terrible agonies of death by starvation. At the present time it is estimated that 1,250,000 adults and fully 250,000 orphaned children are completely destitute and in imminent danger of death by starvation and exposure.

The Near East Relief, 1 Madison Avenue, New York, is at present the only organization giving aid to these suffering people and lack of funds still prevents the reaching of more than a small part of the stricken people.

"Before and After" in the Near East

"BEFORE." "AFTER."

From misery to comfort and self-respect in five days' time, simply through the magic of an American ten dollar bill, is a transformation that is being wrought daily in Western Asia by the Near East Relief of 1 Madison Avenue, New York City. The group of five Armenian children shown in two pictures here have reason to bless the American donor of that ten dollar bill. With this money, the expert workers of Near East Relief in Armenia were able to rid the poor children of their loathesome rags and to clothe them with new garments of alaja cloth, woven in a Near East Relief industrial plant and sewed into garments by the mother of the children. The mother was also paid a small fee for her services in making the garments.

This was a lucky family. There are thousands of others not so lucky in the Near East, simply because of a lack of ten dollar bills. Near East Relief is asking the American people to contribute funds to save the starving in the Bible lands. It is estimated that over 1,250,000 adults are in desperate need, and 250,000 children are orphans and must be cared for. For the sum of $180 a year Near East Relief can not only feed and clothe and shelter an orphan child, but can also give a course in education towards ultimate self-support and independence. Many of these orphans are being [illegible] who are providing funds for the support of one or more over a given period.

SAVED FROM HAREM

Armenian Girls Rescued from Turks Being Taken to Near East Relief Home.

The three pretty Armenian girls in the auto are taking a real "joy ride," joyful having another meaning from that generally associated with auto riding here. They have been rescued from the harem of a Turk after four years of shameful servitude and are being taken to one of the Near East Relief rescue homes. No wonder they are smiling for the first time since their captivity. The Near East Relief is caring for many thousands of these girls until they can find their relatives. Also it is working to save 250,000 orphans and over a million adults from starvation this winter. That is why it is making a nation wide appeal for funds to carry on its noble work.

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Defendant's interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Bradford, County of McKean, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, described as follows, to-wit: Being known as the Northerly half of lot number forty-seven (47) of Whitney & Wheeler's east side building lots as per survey and plot of L. Gorton, surveyor, 1877-79 map of said survey being now on file in the Recorder's Office in Smethport, Pa., in Deed Book Volume 23 at page 89. Being twenty-five (25) feet front on Tarport road and running back one hundred (100) feet to Cottage row. Being same premises conveyed by Chas. S. Whitney to Nellie Lilly by deed dated November 9, 1893, and recorded in McKean County Recorder's Office in Deed Book No. 75 at page 379 &c. Subject to all the conditions and reservations therein contained.

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Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land lying and being in the Borough of Mt. Jewett, McKean County, Pa., being a portion of Wt. No. 3703 and described as follows: Beginning at a post on the north side of the Smethport road and in the west line of land formerly owned by Mrs. Matilda Benson (widow), thence west 24 feet to a post; thence north along other lands formerly of A. G. Phillips, 100 feet to a post; thence east 24 feet to a post in the said west line of Mrs. Benson's land; thence along the said west line with 100 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 2,400 square feet more or less and being same premises conveyed by A. G. Phillips to Benson A. Warfle by deed dated April 29, 1893, and recorded in D. B. 74, page 162, etc., and devised to Lucy Warfle (now Lucy Bonshaw) by the last will and testament of the said Benson A. Warfle, duly probated and of record in the Register's Office of McKean County in Register's Book "C" page 693. Recorded in Book 174, page 453.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Ernest Warfle at the suit of Hamlin Bank & Trust Company, Smethport, Pa.

Gallup & Potter, Pltff. Attorneys.

J. F. ROBINSON,
Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., February 5, 1920. adv6w3

NOTICE

The following accounts of administrators and executors having been settled in the office of the Register of Wills, the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans' Court to be held at Smethport, in and for the County of McKean, in the State of Pennsylvania, on the fourth Monday of February, A. D., 1920.

First, Final and Distribution Account of W. T. Lane, administrator of the estate of Carrie LeVerne Lane, deceased.

First and final account of Annie E. Belton, executrix of the last will and testament of Griffin Hatfield, deceased, who was administrator of the estate of Mary J. Hatfield, deceased.

First, Final and distribution account of L. M. Wynkoop, administrator of the estate of Amanda Briggs, deceased.

Final account of Gertrude Welch, administratrix of the estate of Edward Welch, deceased.

First and final account of F. E. Slack, administrator of the estate of Hiram M. Plummer, deceased.

First and final account of John Ley, administrator of the estate of William J. Porter, deceased.

First and final account of H. E. Allen, administrator of the estate of Cora A. Yennie, deceased.

First and final account of H. S. McKay, administrator of the estate of Martin McKay, deceased.

First and final account of Estella McNamara Turner, executrix of the last will and testament of Carroll B. McNamara, deceased.

First partial administration and distribution account of Ellen Fitzgibbon and F. P. Schoonmaker, executors of the last will and testament of C. G. Fitzgibbon, deceased.

First and final account of H. S. Rogers, executor of the last will and testament of George Baptie, deceased.

First and final account of Andrew Johnson, administrator of the estate of Edith L. Lockwood, deceased.

First and partial account of R. B. Stone, executor of the last will and testament of W. J. Milliken, deceased.

First, final and distribution account of Zillah Haffey, executrix of the last will and testament of Margaret H. Haffey, deceased.

First, final and distribution account of Charles Quist, administrator of the estate of Olof Gustafson, deceased.

Account of C. W. Moore, executor of the last will and testament of Richard Pell Hunt, deceased.

First and final account of T. J. Melvin, administrator of the estate of Marshall K. Walker, deceased.

JOHN B. EASTMAN,
Register of Wills.

Smethport, Pa., January 24, 1920.

NOTICE IN DIVORCE

Hart Benjamin VanDusen
vs.
Lena VanDusen

No. 87, October Term, 1919.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting.

Whereas, Hart Benjamin VanDusen did on the 29th day of July, 1919, prefer his petition to the said judges of the court of Common Pleas therein set forth that he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you Lena VanDusen.

We therefore command you the said Lena VanDusen that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the Fourth Monday of February next and show cause if any you have why Hart Benjamin VanDusen, your husband should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy.

R. J. Campbell, Lib Attorney.
J. F. Robinson, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa.
January 29, 1920. advit

NOTICE IN DIVORCE

Harvey B. Losey
vs.
Anna Losey

No. 119, October Term, 1919.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting.

Whereas, Harvey B. Losey did on the 4th day of September, 1919, prefer his petition to the said judges of the court of Common Pleas therein set forth that he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you Anna Losey.

We therefore command you the said Anna Losey that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the Fourth Monday of February next and show cause if any you have why Harvey B. Losey, your husband should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy.

Mullin & Woods, Lib Attys.
J. F. Robinson, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa.
January 29, 1920. advit

NOTICE IN DIVORCE

Lola J. Wardwell
vs.
Witson I. Wardwell

No. 49, October Term, 1919.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting.

Whereas, Lola J. Wardwell did on the 9th day of July, 1919, prefer her petition to the said judges of the court of Common Pleas therein set forth that she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you Witson I. Wardwell.

We therefore command you the said Witson L. Wardwell that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the Fourth Monday of February next and show cause if any you have why Lola J. Wardwell, your wife should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy.

Melvin & Melvin Lib Attys.
J. F. Robinson, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa.
January 29, 1920. advit

NOTICE IN DIVORCE

Josephine G. Lockwood
vs.
Hollis Eugene Lockwood

No. 134, October Term, 1919.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting.

Whereas, Josephine G. Lockwood did on the 4th day of September, 1919 prefer her petition to the said judges of the court of Common Pleas therein set forth that she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you Hollis Eugene Lockwood.

We therefore command you the said Hollis Eugene Lockwood that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the Fourth Monday of February next and show cause if any you have why Josephine G. Lockwood, your wife should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

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Melvin & Melvin Lib Attys.
J. F. Robinson, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa.
January 29, 1920. advit

NOTICE IN DIVORCE

Erma Hadley
vs.
Carlos Hadley

No. 124, October Term, 1919.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County; Greeting.

Whereas, Erma Hadley did on the 26th day of August, 1919 prefer her petition to the said judges of the court of Common Pleas therein set forth that she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you Carlos Hadley.

We therefore command you, the said Carlos Hadley that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the Fourth Monday of February next and show cause if any you have why Erma Hadley, your wife should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

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Melvin & Melvin, Lib Attys.
J. F. Robinson, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa.
January 29, 1920. advit

NOTICE IN DIVORCE

Libbie Vosburg
vs.
Bert Vosburg

No. 133, October Term, 1919.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting.

Whereas, Libbie Vosburg did on the 6th day of September, 1919, prefer her petition to the said judges of the court of Common Pleas therein set forth that she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you Bert Vosburg.

We therefore command you the said Bert Vosburg that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the Fourth Monday of February next and show cause if any you have why Libbie Vosburg, your wife should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy.

Jones & Wick, Lib Attys.
J. F. Robinson, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa.
January 29, 1920. advit

NOTICE IN DIVORCE

Gladys Callen
vs.
Chester Callen

No. 132, October Term, 1919.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting.

Whereas, Gladys Callen did on the 6th day of September, 1919, prefer her petition to the said judges of the court of Common Pleas therein set forth that she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you Chester Callen.

We therefore command you the said Chester Callen that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the Fourth Monday of February next and show cause if any you have why Gladys Callen, your wife should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy.

Mullin & Woods Lib. Attys.
J. F. Robinson, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa.
January 29, 1920. advit

NOTICE IN DIVORCE

Ona M. Limner
vs.
James M. Limner

No. 110, October Term, 1919.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting.

Whereas, Ona M. Limner did on the 25th day of August, 1919, prefer her petition to the said judges of the court of Common Pleas therein set forth that she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you James M. Limner.

We therefore command you the said James M. Limner that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the Fourth Monday of February next and show cause if any you have why Ona M. Limner, your wife should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

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Simons & Wilson, Lib. Attys.
J. F. Robinson, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa.
January 29, 1920. advit

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Letters of administration have been granted by the Register of Wills of McKean County upon the estate of Rebecca A. Brown, late of Otto township in said county, deceased, to Guy B. Mayo, residing in the borough of Smethport, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, to whom all persons who are indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and all persons having any legal matter against or demand upon said estate, shall make the same known without delay.

GUY B. MAYO,
Administrator,
Smethport, Pa.,
February 4, 1920.

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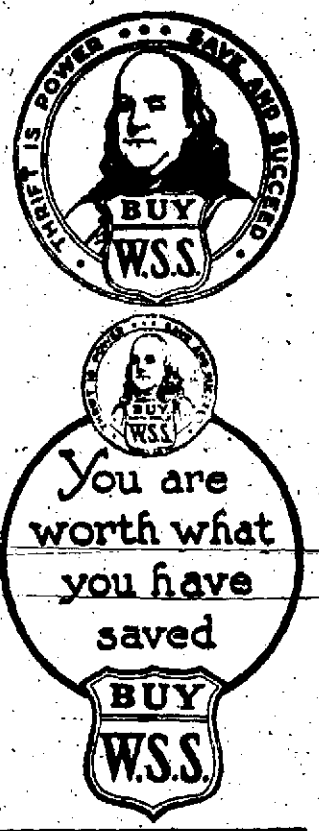

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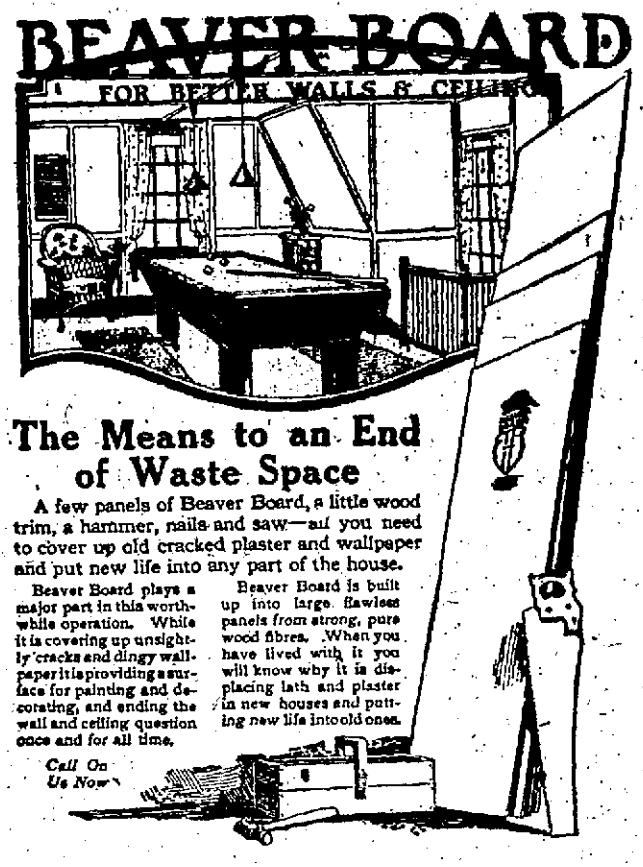

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